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21 FUGITIVES WHO FLED MEXICO NABBED BY ICE EL PASO IN '04 *10 murder suspects part of total caught through Fugitive Alien Team, Mexico AG partnership*

EL PASO— The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Fugitive Alien Team based here announced today that 21 fugitive aliens, including 10 suspected murderers, were located, arrested and returned to Mexico in the 2004 calendar year.

The team, one of 18 nationwide comprised of ICE detention and removal officers, frequently coordinated their efforts with the Mexico Attorney General's Office (PGR) through Interpol.

"The cooperation between the two nations has resulted in the arrest of dangerous criminals who fled to the United States to avoid their nation's laws," said ICE Field Office Director Robert E. Jolicoeur, who leads ICE's detention and removal efforts in the El Paso region. "Instead, they found that ICE's Fugitive Alien Team is a law enforcement partner in stopping cross-border flight. The El Paso team took them off our streets and swiftly removed them from the country."

The team has already captured and deported its first fugitive from Mexico for 2005. Andres Alcocer, 37, a fugitive alien wanted by authorities in Nuevo Leon to face three robbery charges there was deported Monday.

The suspected murderers returned included:

- Felipe Vicente De la Rosa Rojas – Mexican state of Texcoco
- Israel Jimenez Anguiano – San Gabriel, Jalisco
- Gabriel Mercado Camarillo – Nochistlan, Zacatecas
- Arturo Villalobos Franco – Ojinaga, Chihuahua
- Jaime Jones Arellano – Chihuahua, Chihuahua
- Felix Silva Araujo – Chihuahua, Chihuahua
- Aurelio Govea Martinez – Tacambaro, Michoacan
- Jose Luis Decuir Morales – Pacho Viejo, Veracruz
- Victor Manuel Menchaca Valles – Acuña, Coahuila

- Pedro Arratia Montelongo – Baja California

The 11 other fugitive aliens were wanted on charges under Mexico jurisdiction that included the crimes of injuries/assault, firearms violations, fraud, sexual assault and rape, robbery, and kidnapping of a minor.

This proactive fugitive apprehension program --a joint cooperative effort between the governments of the United States and Mexico-- has resulted in the arrests of many criminals since it began four years ago. The fugitives were wanted for serious crimes in Mexico in most cases, but fled to the United States to hide and avoid prosecution. Many were identified, located and arrested by ICE officers through the agency's Institutional Removal Program. By placing detainers on criminal aliens while they serve sentences in United States jails and prisons, ICE officers are able to stop criminal aliens from being paroled or released within the United States.

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